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## "Giving Thanks Always for all Things unto God and the Fatl in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

We people of North America surely have cause to offer thanks to Almighty God our Heavenly Father again this year. While so much of this old world is involved in war we live in a land of peace and plenty. Not because we have lived so good that we deserve such kindness from the hand of our Heavenly Father, for if we as a people had received our just deserts, we would not fare as well as we do at the present time. I believe we can truly say, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." When we read that those in authority in the government of our country were calling the people to a day of prayer on Oct. 8, we thought we would like to tell them that the people of Canada would need to do more than pray if we would expect God to answer and send peace to the world. We as a nation would need to repent, and put away sin first. God said to ancient Israel, "Wash you make clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes, cease to do evil, learn to do well," etc. One of the sins that our government is engaged in and is directly responsible for, a sin that is destroying more lives and damning more souls than war and pestilence and famine together is the sin of selling intoxicating liquors. Since our government have taken over the business of liquor selling they have made it easy for our young people to get strong drink and thus become drunkards which have increased to an alarming

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the ends of the earth.

degree in the last few years. How dare any man

or company of men or government ask God for

special favors when they know that they are

doing those things which he has forbidden.

Nevertheless let us who love Him and are trying

to serve Him offer unto Him continually thanks-

giving for His many mercies and kindness to-

ward us, and also pray that wars may cease to

—H. S. D.

One has said, that "where there is little light there is little of the Spirit's power." Therefore if the Christian covets increase of power he must move forward into increased light. He must know the truth and be bold to proclaim it, for certain is it that God does not give the largest measure of his spirit to those who fear to proclaim unwelcomed truths or to endanger their life for his cause.

Well do I remember the "pulpit power" of our good Methodist bishops of old, how God enlarged the power and knowledge of some, and how that power thrilled and stirred the heart, and caused us to see and feel ourselves as God saw us. Scriptural texts so lined and relined their sermons that we know we needed God, and knew, too, where we would go if we neglected to seek him, and there was no

## A THANKSGIVING PSALM

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place, In all ages past; A shelter safe through time and space, A shield from every blast. And when life's storms and problems sweep Across earth's transient sky; Thou art a refuge then, to keep

We thank The for that blessed hope That warms our hearts today; That none may now in darkness grope With Thee to light the way. Let every heart be lifted up This glad Thanksgiving tide; For blessings overflow each cup Where Ye with men abide.

When danger draweth nigh.

The cattle on a thousand hills Are pastured by Thy hand; The grain that every storehouse fills Ye bless, in every land; By Thee the multitudes are fed And prospered day by day; From Thee alone their daily bread Is sent along the way.

The hills are clothed, the plow is bless'd, Though men forget to praise; Abundant harvest fields have dress'd The earth through autumn days. From everlasting Thou art God. Through time and space the same; Let men Thy goodness tell abroad Thy mercies, too, proclaim. —Selected.

doubt about that. They made it very plain. No fact is more clear than the fact that if the pulpit of today had the same high courage and daring in proclaiming the vital, fundamental truths of the Bible, there would be greater power and resources and less cynicism and doubt.

But today our pulpits are filled with scoffers and apostates who have turned the truth of God into a lie. Therefore the way of truth is made to suffer and the Christian religion to be evil spoken of. But certain it is that because of these false apostles we know Satan and his legions better today than in any previous time of the world's history. These may scoff at this superfiend and his "apostate host," but let us see what God says about them:

"And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out,

that old serpent called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Rev. 12:7-8-9).

Can words be more plain? "Is God a man that he should lie, or the son of man that he should repent." (Num. 23:19). Have not our eyes seen, and our ears heard, and have we not felt what Satan can do to those whom he will."

Thirty-seven years ago the Reverend Daniel Steele wrote the following:

"I believe in preaching the terrors of the law. I believe one great error of modern times is to omit the teaching of the law. John Wesley said there was a class of men that held gospel services, but for his part he held law and gospel services."

"The unction of the Holy One is the highway to all knowledge." Men without this unction, who rationalize their faith soon find themselves wandering in the highways and by ways of unbelief and apostasy. The Rev. erend Dougan Clark says with truth:

"The Church of Christ on earth has plenty of intellect, plenty of culture, plenty of machinery, but these all need to be permeated and directed, and employed under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Just as in a large manufactory the machinery is inert and powerless until the steam is applied, but when that is done, works most beautifully and efficiently in the production of whatever fabric it is designed for; so the zeal, and talent, and energy and wealth, and appliances of Christ's church are comparatively barren of results until they are manipulated by the power and wisdom of the indwelling spirit." Moreover, Dr. Clark says: "If God's people would be the power in the earth that they are designed to be, they must march under the banner of holiness."

What greater proof need we of the failure of the church to march under this blessed banner than the fact of her apostasy and inertness? And what greater proof of the fact that "where there is little light there is little of the Spirit's power."

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches:"

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3:17-18-19).